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THE REFORM CALL.

A VOICE OF AUTHORITY.

THE ORIGIN OF THE CALL. AN EXPLANATION FROM THE OVERSEER OF THE STATE GRANGE-HE DEFENDS THE MOVEMENT AND SILENCES THE PARTISANS. To the Editor of the Sentinek: want mont later

Sin: Let me correct the false impression which may arise from the note of a fellow granger, pablished yesterday. The question of the isming of the call was discussed by the members of the order of the late meeting, and so far as I know, fally concurred in. Brother Barnes having voluntarily taken copies of the call to his district for distribution, does himself injustice in seeming even to oppose the perfectly undershood wish of the farming and industrial classes. The disavowal of official action in the call by the agents suggested by Mr. Oliman, the political editor of the Farmer, was agreed to by those present at the last meeting, myself among them, ecsuse, as I understood it, the resolution was meant simply to imply that officially, the members had no authority to make the call, while, individually, very nearly all sympathized in its purposes, and plainly indicated as much The call, as published, was the result of free discussion for months past among farmers and others throughout the state. The time of its promulgation was to a certain extent an accident. We had talked over the matter out of the council proceedings, and it was thought best by those who participated, that we should have the calls printed and sent out to the counties. We had not intended to puolish them in the pressbut as fne Sentinel chose to make them a matter of news for its readers, we, of course, had nothing to say. It was perhaps untimely that it was made public without the names of the thousands who are ready to sign, but Brother Barnes knows perfectly well that there was no purpose to mislead or deceive on the part of those who framed the call. I am pained part of those who framed the call. I am pained that he should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the should give even the shadew of color than the sha part of those who framed the call. Lam pained to the monstrous misrepresentations made by the Journal, and I reluctantly put myself in print, to clear the record and relieve the Sentinel from the unjust aspersions which are being beaped upon it for taking our part in a movement very dear to the hearts of those who are looking for reform. I am are ready and anxious, without hope or re-confident Brother Barnes did not so intend ward, to strike hands with the farmers who his letter, but as he must have known that such have inaugurated and, so far, conducted a movement would take place his note may be a movement would take place his note may be construed as an effort to uphold the foolish and fully ripe for this grand rally of the charges of your neighbor in its daily attacks honest masses for relief from the opsure you from personal conference that the farm ers of the state irrespective of grange ties will reform, and to organize thoroughly in counrally to the call on the loth. I am in receipt of ties, townships and neighborhoods. At this letters from many sections of the state showing time delays are dangerous. The working the interest all take in it and the surety that that they will aphold the result. Further allow me to say what is but just and proper that these newspapers and politicians who charge Judge Gooding with participation in the call for the reform convention on Jane 16th, wholly misrepsent the facts. I personally know that he had no participation in or knowledge of the call for the convention until after it was made, nor has he committed himself to its support since. I also wish to cor

JAMES COMSTOCK, Yours truly Overseer State Grange.

GREENFIELD, Hancock County, April 17th.

in the state than ours.

rect a false report put in circulation by some of

the newspapers, that the charter of Hancock

Grange has been revoked. There is not the least

foundation for this statement. I do not think

that there is a better or more flourishing Grange

JAY COUNTY JOINS. FLOCKING TO THE CALL-A CONVENTION TO

BE HELD.

RED KEY, JAY COUNTY, May 9 .- Please add to the call for a state reform convention June 10, the voice of Jay county, asking the farmers from all parts of the state to rally in force and fervor on that day. Many more names stight be obtained, but these presentative men are sufficient to guarantee a strong delegation from this "neck of woods." The list below are members of names being master and secretary of the

M. S. MORICAL, Secly. J. E. MORRES, Master J. M. Anderson, H. Ritter, Alfred Rinker, A. M. Rinker, James Rinker, John Bools, R. S. Daniel. J. R. Barnell, W. J. Barnell. G. M. Anderson, C. Ryan, R. A. Andrew, H. A. Andrew, Joseph Rinker, J. A. Corder, Henry Canter, J. B. Whitaker, George Luzarier, W. H. Moriesi. N. Hasting.

ANOTHER COUNTY IN LINE. DELAWARE COUNTY.

MUNCIE, IND., May 12.-I hand you one nore call list from another school district in this county. Every name and it represents a farmer and a substantial citizen. Not one of them is an office seeker or a politican, but all are for the broadest and truest reform. It should be remembered in this connection that there is a large body of our people, who are not farmers, who will second the call. and aid with their votes and influence when the time comes. The disintegration of the two old parties goes on with accelerating velocity, and the reform party will assume large proportions in Delaware county. REPORM.

W. P. Bowers, C. W. Skinner, Samuel Davis, Alfred Pence, Shem Bowers, Edward Beckner. George Fieming, R. F. Roiston, Charles Conn, J. W. Houck, Thomas Shaw, Wm. Andes, Samuel Ball, Andrew Bowers, Able Shaw, John B. Jones, John L. Bowlin, James L. Rinker, Isaac Lake, John Shaw.

WHO THE SIGNERS ARE.

From the Indiana Granger. Week before last we published the names of some of the most substantial citizens living in the Richwoods who desired to take a hand in the reform movement set agoing in Indianapolis a few weeks age by a number of the live farmers of the state. All recognized the gentlemen signing that call as men of influence and standing men hitherto belonging to both the old parties.

natures are attached, as it is the same we published before:

Thomas Shaw, Thomas Snaw,
Able Shaw,
William Andes,
John B. Jones,
Samuel Ball,
John T. Bowlin,
Issac Lake,
James L. Rinker,
John Shaw. Shem Bowers, Samuel Davis, Albert Pence, Charles Con, F. W. Heuck, B. F. Rolston, Andrew Bowers,

A FEW MORE OF THE SAME SORT. Since the above was handed in we have received the following list of farmers' names -men who are not seeking office and want reform. The reader can see what the character of reformers in this county is:

Jonn Wier,
J. R. Fimple,
S. T. Sears,
Evan Wier.
Parker T. Moore,
Elisha Hartley,
Thos. S. Martin,
R. Conner,
Coventer Conner,
Mathew Grav. Peter Trimble, Henry Snow,
W. T. Nottingham,
Eli Ogle,
G. T. Landrey.
C. W. Campbell, B. Hartley, G. W. Richardson, J. R. Nuttingham, William Cummings, Mathew Gray, William Gray, Charles Bally. Barney Stacey, William Balley, Walter Gray. From the southeast part of the county

comes the following names:

Thomas Marshal,

John A. Templin, Robert Hindman,

Aaron Gwinn,

Thomas Sears, John Bird, Daniel Kilmer, George Ball, David Fletcher, BLAZE OF EXCITEMENT.

J. E. Fletcher,

From the Indiana Granger, The reform movement in this state is no longer of doubtful proportions. The people are thoroughly aroused in this behalf, and while many of them have signed the calls for the proposed state convention, by far the larger proportion are ready to participate in the movement, and will do all they can for it, without considering it necessary to organs, have asserted their independence and indicate a disposition, or have boldly proclaimed their design, to take an active part on the right side in the approaching campaign. Very many prominent men, hitherto connected with both the old parties, pression that they have borne so long. The time is now fully ripe to strike the blow for strength of the old parties lies in thorough, complete organization, and the new movement, to prove successful, must organize as completely as the foes it has to combat. A great deal may be done by going to work instantly and without delay. Seeko it that defeat comes not through neglect.

KICKING OUT From the Columbus Democrat. By reference to a call in another column, signed by a number of grangers, it will b seen that another convention is to be held in this county, on the 30th of May. This convention is called for the purpose of appointing delegates to the 19th of June convention at Indianapolis. Those who are in favor of reform in the state and general government, as well as economy in the county affairs, are kicking out of the radical traces, and, though squelched in a primary meeting, are pre-paring to show the party whippers-in that they can no longer be controlled. They will set up shops for themselves, and commence business on their own book.

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

From the Industral (Ills.) Age. The call for a farmers' convention, at Indianapolis, on the 10th of June, is eliciting very favorable responses throughout that state, and large numbers of citizens, form-Half May Grange No. 317, the first two erly connected with the old political parties, have signed their names to calls for meetings to choose delegates to the convention. The success-of the independent movement, in Indiana seems likely to be assured in the coming election.

CLAY COUNTY COMING.

From an Occasional Correspondent of the Sentinel. The county of Clay will be fully represented in the liberal convention. All is working lovely, we will make it warm for the old defunct parties in this county, at the election this fall, and let them know that honest men must be elected, and the one term system carried out.

SIDE BY SIDE.

(Fromthe Morgan County Gazette.) The grangers of Illinois, in harmony with their brethren of Indiana, have fixed upon

ILBINOIS APPROVES.

From the Industrial Age. The farmers are to hold a state convention, at Indianapolis, on the 10th of June. It is hoped it will be well attended and kept out sleath they have got astride of.

TIPPECANOE PROPLE.

From the Lativette Courier. There was an informal meeting of farmers and citizens in , Corinthian Hall, this afternoon, who adopted means to call a people's convention in this city on the 23d of this mouth, in order to nominate a ticket for the ensuing election.

WABASH WAKED UP.

TWENTY-RIGHT DELEGATES CHOSEN TO THE TIES DEAD AND FORGOTTEN.

Prom as Occasional Correspondent of the Sentiaet. Clubs to meet and appoint delegates to attend it. So far as I can learn the farmers are in earnest, and seem determined to push this Below we append the names of a few more of the most appearantial busy, but they left their plows and planting citizens in the neighborhood of Bower and held here to-day one of the largest and school house. These gentlemen, as in the former case, represent both the old political parties, and are glad to have the opportunity of uniting with the independent, free appointed to the peoples convention thinking people who desire to purge the on the 10th of June, and the body politic of the corruption existing in it.

The roome forward without solicitation,

REFORM RALLY.

THE TERRIBLE TENTH

PILING UP THE NAMES. BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY BOILING. From an Occasional Correspondent of the Sentinel.

COLUMBUS, IND., May 13, 1874.—Herewith I send another large list of signers for the call of a convention of reformers to meet in this city on the 30th of May, at which time delegates will be chosen to the 10th of June convention at Indianapolis. This list makes nearly 300 signatures sent from this county, and still the work is going forward with large lists coming in daily. Of one thing we feel assured, whatever strength may be developed by the reformers in other portions of the state it is a fixed fact that this fall the voters of Bartholomew county will do a work of which they may justly be proud—that work will be the complete rout and demoralization of the "rings" and their candidates and the selection of men for office, not "office by men," as is too often the case as politics are now run. That the movement is making itself felt in this vicinity is manifest by the fear and trembling on the part of the candidates already brought before the people by the recent convention held in this city. The majority of the names following are the names of old-time democrats, but the movement is largely reducing

the ranks or both the old parties.

NAMES WINT TO BY HEA

S. F. Lain, J. F. Cross, A. J. Horton, Ira B. Thompson, Alonzo Cross, James L. Thompson, J. H. Horton, Thomas Cross, Joshua Cross, W. H. Thomps John Prather, Wm. Grist. G. B. McQueen, J. H. Myers, E. vicheli, Moses Cahn, W. Dickerson, H. W. Castein, R. C. King, J. B. Goore, Daniel Judd, T. E. Wright, J. N. Hammond, H. Tobrocke, Chris Kirkshof, W. Overman, O Pruitt, Mellenkamp, W. H. Hill, W. A. Vankock, John Hubbell, Dr. Manley, Robert Henry, J. L. Perry. A. C. Graves, H. H. Bassett, Alex. Mobley, John McQueen, B. F. McQueen, W. H. Miers, W. R. Gore, W. R. McQueen, J. B. McQueen, N. P. Charles, P. Horten, Passmater, Jesse Davis, J. T. Knowland, John Woessman, ohn Abrill. John A. Overman A. Lain, A. Poffinberger, D. Pardlek, L. C. Nugent, John W. Gore, Levi B. Gore, Wm. E. Crippen, John H. Redinbough J. G. Stewart. George W. Gore, M. F. Woessner, John H. Bradford, Joel S. Davis, Paul A. H. Martin man Danforth. A. J. McLeod, Phineas Parker, Spencer Blacketter, G. S. Conner, Luke W. Newsom, John S. McCalla, Jacob Davis, H. J. Sater, R. C. Newsom, Joseph Smith, Isaac P. Cox, Sampson Retherford, Joseph Hunter, J. D. Simpson, A. L. Bateman. James Moffatt. has. Farmer, Springer, T. Newsom. Prvor M. Petree. Albert K. Laird, Milton Ward, John Johns. S. Davis, Nathaniel Owens, Joseph Jones, W. H. Redman, H. B. Roland, J. R. Newsom, Wells Essex, T. B. Prather, C. B. Kerr, Henry Doup, A. F. Thompson, G. W. Wright, I. Keith, Benedict Clark, S. R. Quick, Mahlon Hayes, H. B. Stawm, G. E. Miller, I. M. Steenbarger, J. S. Mounts, B. B. Jones, David Harden, Isaac P. Watsou, James Sims, A. W. Trotter, I. Q. A. Newsom, Joshus S. Sims, Charles Stader. athan Newsom, Jr. Wm. Wainscott, Wm. H. Tuttle, Wm. W. Dickson John Rice, Joseph W. Stanley, Thos. C. Wright, J. D. Ravan, H. B. Wakefield, Jas. Daugherty, W. W. Stader, Jessie Piersfield, John U. Stader, Crawford Ravan, Greenbery Smith L. Davis, Garner, N. Newsom, sen. John Wainscott, James Wright, Newsom, John L. Jones, S. C. Daugherty, A. N. Biessing, Wm. Jett, John Godfrey, Elijah Smallwood, Wm. Lucas, G. G. Gabbet, E. Brevoort, L. W. Comstock, W. Rowland, Logan Suddith, Albert Phillips,

Samuel Gabbert. FARMERS IN FORCE. MONROE COUNTY MOVES-AN ASSOCIATION TO BE ORGANIZED JUNE 9TH-ADDRESS OF

J. T. Miller, H. A. Schroer,

I. F. Kennard,

Mark Hetsal, W. F. Kennard.

J. Bennett.

MR. GREENE. From an Occasional Correspondent of the Sentine BLOSMINGTON, IND., May 11, 1874 .-There is little for me to speak of in the way of news from Bloomington and Monroe county except the farmers' movement, and the address of Charles W. Greene, of Indianapolis, on the 9th instant. The granger and farmers' clubs have been in active operation in our county for the last eight months, and at least two thousand persons have united with the two organizations, which, out of a voting population of not more than thirty-eight hundred, makes an element which is not so feeble and insignificant as to which is not so feeble and insignificant as to be silently and indefinently passed by. The farmers of Monroe have it in their power to say who shall be their servants this fall, and who shall not, if they only combine and work harmoniously. The clubs contemplate making a ticket, I believe, and the grangers, I am informed, do not intend to meddle with politics, but simply intend to yote for the men whom they in their indevote for the men whom they in their judgment think best. What will be done time of the hands of the old partisan seeds and will tell. On last Saturday, Charles W. bummers, who have ridden every party to Green, editor of the American Farmers Advocate, delivered an eloquent and able address before the farmers of this county in the court house. A large audience was in attendance, and the best of order and attention prevailed. In the address, which was quite lengthy, the speaker delivered some telling blows at the evils of the present time and the administration under which we groan and labor. He gave many practical suggestions for their improvement and eradication. At the close of the address, a call for a meeting of the farmess clubs and grangers on the 9th of June WENTY-RIGHT DELEGATES CHOSEN TO THE at Indianapolis was made, every vote being convention—Reformers United—Pag- for it, which will be sent to your columns. Next Saturday was named as the day for the movement ahead.

REFORM AVALANCHE. From the Clark County Record.

Believing that none but honest, sober and competent persons should be placed in publie trusts, and that county officers especially should be selected solely in consideration of their integrity and fitness for place, and real-izing the fact that these desirable ends can-They come forward without solicitation, without hope of other reward than the without hope of other reward than the knowledge of performing their days and intelligent voters. They are tirred of the whip lash of the party managers. They do not perform the old political paties. They have democrate and intelligent to the country is lodged in the machinery of the old political paties. They have democrate and the abuses that have become so common, the bases that have become so common, the bases that have become so common, the bases that have become so common, afterned to stand by their fellow producers in the great West in their efforts to reform on the country will be well represented by should be selected solely in consideration of the collected solely in collected

pose of nominating candidates for the various county offices to be filled at the ensuing October election, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such convention. We further suggest that the people favorable to a citizens' reform ticket meet in their respective townships on Friday, May 29, for the purpose of selecting five men in each township, who shall constitute a nominating committee, and shall report a ticket for the

ratification of the mass meeting on the 30th.

It was expected that the signatures to the above call would be published this week, but the immense number of them and the lateness of their reception renders it absolutely impossible for us to copy them and issue the Record this week. To iliustrate, the names signed to one paper alone, circulated exclusively in Carr township, reached 142. One paper from Bethlehem reached 142. One paper from Bethlehem township contains over fifty names, and so on. We desire those having the remaining calls to return them as soon as practicable, that we may be able to get names in type, and publish the call in full in our next is-

A PLEA FOR AZARIAH.

From the Boonville Enquirer. Some time ago we endorsed the mention of the name of Colonel A. T. Whittlesey, private secretary to Governor Hendricks, in connection with the nomination for secretary of state, on the democratic ticket Firmly believing that Southern Indiana, and more especially the "pocket" counties, are entitled to a representative upon the ticket, we again urge the name of Colonel Whittlesey for that position. He is well qualified for the office to which he has consented to become a candidate, and eminently worthy of ungustioned integrity and who worthy, of unquestioned integrity, and who, if chosen to fill the office, will do so with credit to himself and his constituency, and the interests of the whole state would be impartially and faithfully attended to at the state capital. We have known him since our boyhood, and can bear testimony to his honesty and integrity as a man; his lifelong devotion to the cause of democracy, and as a man who has devoted his life to the services of the state, and who has hosts of friends who will endeavor, at the polis or elsewhere, to make good all that we have said or may say of him. In justice to this section of Indiana, we commend him to the consideration of the democracy of other portions of the state. a foreign vior, a to ensor add gabout

ROUSING THE PARTISAN MIND. HOW THE CONVENTION IS STIRRING THE

o plive od PARTY'S DRY BONES : Insent The impression that the farmer's or independent state convention on the 10th of June may amount to something, is beginning to find lodgment in the partisan mind. This mind is unable to conceive why men should become dissatisfied with existing relations and should seek to accomplish ends by new methods or organizations while the old parties will stand ready to be used. It raises the cry that nothing can be done in politics except through the medium of parties; although granting this to be true, it does not follow that present parties are always to be the ones and that new ones are never to be created. Whatever strength the new movement may attain, it will serve in that degree as a disorganizer in politics, and will aid to produce a condition of affairs from which must rise a party with settled princi-ples and definite sims. The rumblings and tossings in the political world, the variety of opinions and the general unsettled condition of mind presages the formation of new parties, and is only a repetition of his-tory. The darkness is yet too deep, the lowering fog too thick to enable even the clearest eye to discern the landscape. What the definite issues will be no man can tell yet. But the signs all point to a movement that will attempt to relieve the people from the burdens imposed by ignorant legislation in tariff and finance, and by the special legislation and corruption naturally produced by a long war and the uninterrupted sway of one political party.

CITIZENS, NOT PARTISANS.

From the Leavenworth Independent. Again we say, to farmers of the West and South, organize for the political campaign! Keep your society out of the hands of political demagogues or religious famatics. Organize as citizens, and not as partisans. Let your platform be based upon the sov ereignty of the individual in all matters of conscience and morals, subject to the sole restriction, that no person shall be allowed to interfere with the peace and comfort of his neighbor. You may array the lawyers against you, for their livelihood depends upon the dissensions among the people. You may antagonize the ministry, each sect usually measures others by its own code of ethics. You are certain to have the party organs to fight, for they live, and move and have their being, by squisting at the corruption in party officials, rather than endanger the party discipline. But the peo-ple, the honest masses who are sick and tired of the corruption in high places—who loath christian statesmanship as exemplified in the public life of such men as Colfax: who abhor the practices of such "time honored" democratic partisans as Tweed; the men of the shops and the forge, those who labor for an honest living, will respond, with enthusiasm, to any honorable, non-partisan call made upon them by the proqueers of the country.

OLIVER'S SEE-SAW. NOT THE SAME MAN. From the Terre Haute Express. Is this the same Senator Morton who so recently told the Senate and the country, in forcible and convincing words, that specie payment had been a burden and a bindrance to all countries where it had been maintained, and the absence of it a help-that it had invariably brought panies, for which there was but one remedy, suspension? This can hardly be the same Morton. If the statement in the letter is correct, that the vetoed bill was the first step in the direction of specie payments taken by congress, then let us thank the president for the veto.

EAGER AMENDS.

and opposition to contraction and redemption. We hasten to make amends to him for our denunciation of him and his erroneously supposed inflation policy. We are led to infer that the common belief existing

JOINING FORCES.

ountil be put lote recolation and kept out

The Farmer's Call Supplemented NEW BODY APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

THE PARMER'S ASSOCIATION-A CALL FOR COUNCIL. The following was unanimously adopted

in a large meeting of granges and clubs May 9: The Monroe County Farmer's Club sends greetng to the farmers of the State of Indiana : Believing that the interest of agriculture, the wealth and prosperity of the state, and the pub-ile welfare would be promoted by an open and general organization of the farmers of the state, to the end of securing a fuller discussion and more thorough understanding of the important mestions now agitating the public mind. We do therefore earnestly invite all clubs, granges, agricultural and horticultural societies, in every county of the state to appoint and accredit one delegate for each 100 members or fractional part thereof to meet in general convention on the 9th day of May next, at Indianapolls, for the purpose of organizing a State Farmers' Association. The successful work of called for June 10, as the objects of both meetings are identical in letter and spirit. the district butters is less

WAYNE COUNTY FARMERS. WHAT SYCAMORE VALLEY COUR SAYS STRONG AND SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTIONS DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENT REFORM,

Farmer's Club No. 8, at its first May 7th meeting, 1874, passed without dissent, the accompanying preamble and resolutions, and instructed its secretary to present the same to the Richmond papers and the In-

dianapolis Sentinel for publication:

Whereas, the political leaders of the old parties have rendered themselves guilty of wanton disregard of the laws of the land, and have acted as if the laws had binding force, only for those who are governed, and not for those who govern; and Whereas, they have stood in the way of necessary investigations, and indispensible reforms, pretending that serious fault can be found in the administration of public affairs; thus seeking to blind the understanding of the neople; and Whereas, they are striving to maintain themselves in power for selfish motives, by an unseives in power for seitish motives, by an un-scrappilous employment of the authority which rightfully belongs to the people, and should be used only in the service of the country, and WHEREAS, Recent developments in congress and in our legislatures prove to us that office-holders, office-seekers and politicians, without regard to party, have become so debased, as a class, that they are no longer worthy of the respect and confidence of the people; and,
WHEREAS, By an unparalleled system of poHitical "wire-working," chicanery and "lobbying," the fees and salaries of public officers have been increased at a time when the people were most grievously oppressed by taxation and bur-dened with a heavy national debt when every consideration of justice, honesty and economy demanded that they should be reduced; there-

fore, be it
Resolved, That we concede the equality of all
before the law, and maintain that it is the duty
of government to mete out equal and exact justice to all, irrespective of race, color or persua-sion, religious or political. Resolved, That the primary object of free

Resolved. That the primary object of free government is proper protection of persons and property and that the laws should be faithfully administered to secure this; and Resolved. That we are in favor of political reform, and to that and we demand honesty, economy and purity of official life.

Resolved, That we discard and utterly repuding the politicians' maxim, "to the victors be-

Resolved, That we discard and utterly repuditate the politicians' maxim, "to the victors belong the spoils" making the civil service of the government a mere instrument of partisan tyranny and personal ambition, an object of selfish and voracious greed, a scandal, disgrace and repreach on our free institutions; but instead thereof we are in favor of civil service reorm making honesty and capacity the only claims for public employment.

Resolved, That we will let the office seek the man instead of the man the office, and will select for all offices, honest, capable and incorruptible men, and thus make office once more what it should be, a post of honor.

men, and thus make office once more what it should be, a post of honor.

Resolved, That we are opposed to all grants of land to railroads or other corporations, as we hold that the public domain should be held sacred for actual settlers.

Resolved, That the industrial interests of the nation must be garded and protected against nation must be garded and protected against the exactions of monopolies and gigantic cor-

Resolved, That the pretended repeal of th "increased salary" and "back pay" law, after the appropriation of the "grab," both before and after service performed, by many members of congress, and the failure to apply it to the presi-dent, is a gross deception and fraud upon the public, and nothing short of its unqualified re-peal will satisfy the just demands of an out-

raged people.

Resoived, That we are in favor of a general curtailment of the fees and salaries of all officers; more particularly in the fees of the clerk of the Circuit Court, sheriff and county treasurer, which are now beyond all reason in our more populous counties; and that we early and earnestly call the attention of the people to

Resolved. That we are beginning to learn who are our friends, and who our enemies and when the time comes we will use just di crimination at the ballot box: and support none but those who are true to the interests and welfare of the

Resolved, That we ask the people to unite and act with us at the polls, and aid in arresting the progress of official corruption and political misrule, as it becomes more than ever the duty of all good citizens to require a strict adhers noe to
and faithful compliance with the principles
upon which our political institutions rest.

Resolved, That in the corrupt "credit mobiller" fraud, the congressional salary swindle
and official embezzlement, and the hundreds of
other cabals, combinations, steals, frauds, tricks, other cabals, combinations, steals, frauds, tricks, stratagems and swindles by which democratic and republican legislators, congressmen and office holders, have enriched themselves, impoverished the country, defrauded and disheartened the people, we find the importance of independent and decisive action, and the necessity of united effort; and cordially invite all men, of whatever calling, occupation, business, profession, trade or vocation, regardless of past political views and affiliations to unite with us in removing the evils and wrongs that so enjoyed. moving the evils and wrongs that so seriously affect and concern us all.

J. GRAHAM, Pres.

S. C. HILL, Sec.

WABASH COUNTY. PROPLES' CONVENTION-DELEGATES CHOSEN

TO STATE CONVENTION. The Wabash Plaindealer gives a full report of the people's action at Wabash on the 9th inst. The action of the convention of an es-

sential character was as follows: From the Terre Haute Gazette.

We are assured from this letter that Senator Morton has been grossly libelled by the Resolved, That there be a delegate convention held at the city of Wabash, on the 2nd Saturday of June, 1874, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices to be filled at the ensuing October election, as also a candipress of the country, which has been date for representative in the general assembly; that to this end all who are opposed to the constant in and out of season, many to censure and some few to applaud his supposed advocacy of infiation and repudiation, and opposition to contraction and redemp-

> Mr. W. T. Ross inquired if this convention intended to participate in the people's con-vention, called for the 10th of June, at Indianapolis, and moved that one delegate be appointed from each township to attend said 10th of June convention. Mr. J. R. Wallace moved to amend the motion of Mr. Ross by

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Russell, J. Hillegas, Dan. Fall. Liberty—H. Lindsey, T. W. Logan, William Pearson, E. B. Russell. Noble township—Wm. Stone, D. R. Ridgeway, T. J. Semans, James Jackson. Pleasant—Frank Tryon, H. L. Groninger, Wm. Naber, Jacob Buzzard. Paw Paw—John Schuler, Lewis Quick, George Schultz, David Smith. Waltz—Philip Davis, Repuber Filesberry, Johiel Wassener, Abra-Reuben Eikenberry, Johiel Weesner, Abraham Deal. On motion of Major Kidd, a central committee was appointed to act in the inter-ests of the people's movement, each town-ship to select its own members for the comship to select its own members for the committee, and resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen: Noble—Major Kidd, chairman; Banner McCowan, D. R. Ridgeway, Daniel Weesner, James Jackson. Chester—D. W. Krisher, David Hamilton. Lagro—John Russell, Nat. Bennister. Liberty-O. P. Logan, Samuel Fowler. Pleasant -Frank Tryon, Thomas Meranda. Paw Paw -Robert Ambers, Daniel Shoemaker, Waitz Peter H. Slusser, D. W. Stradley.
On motion, the proceedings of the convention were unanimously indorsed.

MEAN BUSINESS.

The Plaindealer comments on the above

action in an emphatic way. The political skies are brightening. From all quarters the Illinois Farmers' Association in the de- come the glad tidings that the people are thronement of monopolies and the promotion of political reform attests the overwhelming and irreststible power of co-operative and harmonious action. We would suggest that the same delegates may be accredited to the convention fanaticism, and refuse to bow humbly in obedience to party dictates. Free thought and free action are the cardinal princi-ples of their political faith. They will no longer accept credit mobilier, salary grab-bing, Sanborn frauds, Jayne conspiracy, and a thousand other frauds that have been per-petrated under the fostering care of the present administration as the fruits of an honest government. They are determined to take into their own hands the management of our country, and most emphatically refuse to longer recognize as legitimate, the corrupt acts of their ewn party officials, through fear that a denial of them would reflect upon "the party," In no county in our state has this feeling taken a more definite shape than in Wabash county. The convention, on last Saturday developed an earnest and unswerv-ing determination among the farmers to wrest from the polluted hands of an unserupulous ring the power so long secured to itself through bribery and the most corrupt measures of political chicanery. We say, God speed them in the good work they have commenced. The path is open and the way is bright to reform, and entirely with them rests the responsibility of effecting a refor-mation. To falter now is to give to the corruptionists another victory, and forge another link to the chain that has so long held you as a victim to their extravagant and cor-

POSEY PREPARED. The Mount Vernon Democrat publishes the following call and signers which shows that old Posey County is ready and will be on hand in June.

WHEREAS, There has been a call for a Farmers' State Convention, to be held at Indianapolis the 10th of June, and WHEREAS. We believe that the farmers of our county of Posey, the richest agricultural county in the state, should not be unrepre-sented, in this gathering of their brethren.

Therefore, The undersigned, citizens and farmers of Posey county, unite in a call for a farmers' county mass convention, to be held at the court house, in the city of Mt. Vernon, on Saturday, May 30, 1874. Said convention to select delegates to state meeting, and to transact such other business as it may see fit. Thos. Conlin, Wm. Hastings, Samuel Alldridge, Fred. Sherbaum, Anderson Alldridge, Wm. Black, A. J. Alldridge, Perry Allen, Nelson Alldridge, Geo. W. Curtis, Samuel Gill, Jesse Oatman, W. D. Alexander, Geo. D. Rowe, J. B. Alldridge, M. Roberts, Ezekiel Black, T. J. Truscott, Wm, Kittles, John S. Curtis, J. R. Black, Joshua Hamilton, Jos. Reeves, David Septer.

> A PLATFORM PROPOSED. From the Evansville Courier.

We are for free trade, strict constuction of the constitution, we are opposed to sumptuary laws and class legislation of every kind, to monopolies, land grabs and the contraction theory of finance. We are for a greenback currency incontrovertible with 3 65 govern-ment bonds. We are bitterly opposed to Grantism, Butlerism and Partyism. We believe the people will find a way to overthrow the present corrupt administration and to re-establish purity in public affairs. We propose to help them doit. If we know anything of democratic principles we have enumerated them above, and be he democrat or republican, ne who runs for office on that platform, shall be treated respectfully, and—if the candidate himself is unobjectionable—will be supported by us. Free trade, farmer's rights, labor reform, a greenback currency and no national banks nor other monopolies, is the platform upon which the farmer's convention can name a ticket that will sweep the

MILK AND WATER.

The farmers' movement for a convention next month, to select candidates for the state offices, seems to be gaining headway in many parts of the state. Calls are being numerously signed in many counties, and the probabilities now are that it will assume such proportions as to make it anything but an object of ridicule. It lacks one element of success, however. It is the movement of one class, and such always fail, and always must fail. If there is to be a reform in politics, it must be brought about by a union of men from all classes of society. We are free to admit that a reform is needed, and we would hall it with delight, but the present movement is confined in too narrow limits. Some one must take the lead in all such efforts, and we do not deny that the farmers are just as capable to lead off as any one else, but if they anticipate and desire success, they must throw off that distinctive feature, and let it be a movement of the people; they must throw open

FAILING EYESIGHT. From the Fort Wayne Gazett

The party which is really securing reform by the investigation and the potent condemion of frauds and swindles of all kinds. is the republican party whose platform, planked with reform from the very inception of its organization, has been proven the segis of protection to the masses. Amid all the detracting questions which now agitate the popular mind, we confess that we see no other anchor of safety than that held out by the republican party. It has been tried and has not been found wanting, and it will prove a strength in the present emergency.